

Remarks

On January 21, 2009, Applicants filed a response to the Notice of Allowance mailed October 17, 2008. In their response, Applicants included claim amendments and remarks, as well as a Request for Continued Examination, along with requisite fees. However, Applicants inadvertently neglected to indicate certain canceled claims and improperly number two new claims. In reply to their response of January 21, 2009, the Office mailed on March 4, 2009 a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. Applicants respond herewith to that Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment.

In the section “Amendments to the Claims” above, Applicants have added designations for canceled claims 1-7, 11-20, and 24-28. Applicants have also renumbered the new claims added in their previously-filed amendment as 29 and 30. These claims were incorrectly numbered as 24 and 25 in the previously-filed response. The amendments reflected above to claims 8-10 and 21-23 are exactly as provided in the previously-filed response. In addition, the new claims are also exactly as provided in the previously-filed response (except for correcting the numbering of the new claims as noted above).

Applicants also note that in the “Remarks” section of the previously-filed response, the new claims were incorrectly identified as depending from claims 1 and 21. The correct dependencies of the new claims are as follows: claim 29 depends from claim 8, and claim 30 depends from claim 21. Both claims recite the correct dependency.

As stated in the previously-filed response, no new matter has been introduced, and Applicants submit that the amended claims are substantially commensurate with the scope of the allowed claims, but encourage the Examiner to fully review the revised claims. Applicants believe that the amended claims are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request that a Notice of Allowance be issued.

Respectfully submitted,

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